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Subject: Comments for Groundwater Discharge Permit, The Oil Mining Company, Inc.,
Holliday Block, M/047/0120, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rankine:

Thank you for submitting the Groundwater Discharge Permit Application (GWDPA) to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division). It was received July 21, 2014. The GWDPA is for a proposed pre-commercial production test capsule within the proposed 1,082-acre footprint of the proposed Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI) submitted to the Division on January 10, 2014.

There are inconsistencies between the NOI and the GWDPA that will need to be rectified before the Division can issue final approval of the NOI. Assuming the basic proposal in the current GWDPA does not change, the NOI will require modification. Upon approval of the GWDP by the Division of Water Quality, the Division will require that the NOI be updated with the information presented in the GWDPA to avoid any inconsistencies between the two documents.

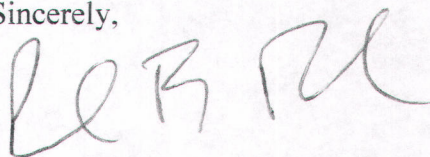
For the NOI to be consistent with the GWDPA, the early production test capsule will need to be shown on maps, and information in the operational details section will need to be updated. The Division will ask that a copy of the groundwater discharge permit be included in the NOI. If this is done after the Division's tentative approval, the Division will require that it be re-advertised and will receive additional public comment. Updating the NOI prior to tentative approval will eliminate the need for this additional permitting step.



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Please contact the lead, April Abate, at 801-538-5214 if you have questions regarding the incorporation of these items into the NOI. If you have any additional questions, I can be reached at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

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Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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